

To-day's
Advertisements.

ARMY CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be RECEIVED for the SUPPLY OF PROVISIONS, and for Services as below, required for the Troops at Hongkong for 12 Months from 1st April next.

SUPPLIES.

- 1.—FOR TROOPS.—Beef, Groceries, Coal, Wood, Oil, etc.
- 2.—FOR HOSPITALS.—Beef, Fowls, Groceries, Fruits, Wines, and Medical Comforts generally.

SERVICES.

- 3.—TRANSPORT.—Supply of Launches, Cargo Boats and Coolie Labour, etc., etc.
- 4.—Washing, Baking and Clothing.
- 5.—Scavenging, Sweeping, Chimneys, and Supplying Dry Earth for Latrines.
- 6.—Lighting and Supplying Oil for Lamps.
- 7.—Purchase of Empty Hogsheads.

TENDERS must be made on Forms, which, together with any further information required, may be obtained at HEADQUARTER OFFICE, B, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. Daily.

APPLICATION FOR TENDER FORMS must be made before NOON on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1896.

The Secretary of State for War is not blind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

Headquarters Office, B, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [400]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

OVIDE MUSIN

GRAND CONCERTS ON SATURDAY, the 29th February, MONDAY, the 2nd March, and WEDNESDAY, the 4th March.

ARTISTS.—

OVIDE MUSIN, Violin Virtuoso.
ANNIE LOUISE MUSIN, Coloratura Soprano.
EDWARD SCHARF, Pianist.

TICKETS now on Sale at W. ROBINSON & Co.

REMEMBER THE DATES!

Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [405]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 8 PER CENT. per Share and BONUS of 4 PER CENT. per Share for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1895, DECLARED at Tuesday's Ordinary Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after WEDNESDAY, the 25th February, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE, Acting General Manager, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [403]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the SOCIETY'S HEAD OFFICE, No. 4, Praya Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 14th March, 1896, at NOON, to consider and if thought fit to pass the following Special Resolution:

That in Article of the words "SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS" be eliminated and in place thereof the words "TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS" be inserted.

Should the resolution be duly passed it will be submitted for Confirmation to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE, Secretary, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [404]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship "GLENORCHY,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Shanghai Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where they may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded without notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 3rd proximo will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 10th proximo, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [397]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "ARRATOON APCAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 27th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [398]

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ZETLAND L.D.O.E.

No. 525, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 25th instant, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Instead of at the hour previously advertised. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [359]



VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [401]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTZE.)

THE Company's Steamship.

"DARDANUS."

Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 10 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [383]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, FOOCHEW AND SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"FOOCHOW."

Captain Blackburne, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 10 A.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [358]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"TANTALUS."

Captain Hannab, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 14th March. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [396]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES."

Captain H. Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [394]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA."

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARPAK & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [406]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR."

Captain J. E. Hansen, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 3rd March, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [402]

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

THE Steamship

"ADOWA."

Captain Owens, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 4th March, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to BODWELL, CARILL & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [395]

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1896.

(Subject to Alteration.)

Chittagong Saturday 14th March.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"CHITTAGONG,"

will be despatched hence for HONOLULU, VICTORIA, B.C., and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 14th March.

Consular Invoice in Goods for United States Points should be in QUADRUPPLICATE; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [407]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Following the S.S. *Falladen Hall*.)

THE Steamship

"QUEEN OLGA."

Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Port on or about 15th March. For Freight, apply to SHEWAN & Co., Agents, Hongkong, 25th February, 1896. [408]

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE the Undersigned beg to notify the Public that we have this Day PURCHASED from Messrs. WING CHEONG & Co. the STOCK-IN-TRADE, FIXTURES and GOODWILL of their BUSINESS as MERCHANTS and SHIPCHANDLERS, and the Business will be conducted from this 18th day of February, 1896, as heretofore.

FOOK CHEONG & Co., No. 44, Praya Central, Managing Partner, Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [399]

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES:—HOUSES IN RIFON TERRACE, No. 3, ALVINGTON TERRACE, No. 17, LINDHURST TERRACE, No. 6, VICTORIA VIEW, KOWLOON, No. 21, ELGIN STREET.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 25th February 1896. [39]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSIES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1896. [1650]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINE AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LIST, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currents as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD., THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY, Hongkong, 1st January, 1896. [5]

MARRIAGES.

On the 15th instant, at "Bethesda," Singapore, by the Rev. W. G. Honeywell, JAMES ALEX. FARMER to MATHILDA, eldest daughter of the late Captain Wilmot Farmer, of Bangkok.

At Hamburg, on the 20th of February, CHARLES OVERBECK, of Shanghai, to ANNE, second daughter of the late A. SONDERMANN, Esq., of Hamburg.

DEATH.

On the 13th instant, at No. 5, Yokohama, JULIAN F. PIMM, for many years sub-Editor and Manager of the *Japan Daily Herald*, of an aneurysm, in his 58th year.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1896.

THE SITUATION IN KOREA.

It is no wonder that there is great excitement in Japan and that the Imperial Government thought it well to prorogue, on the 15th instant, the meetings of the Diet for ten days or so. The proceedings on Saturday, the 15th, threatened to become stormy when the reading of the Imperial Decree brought the sitting to a summary termination. Korea must be for Japanese of all ranks a very sore subject indeed. Only a short time ago Japan went to war with China for the purpose, the sole purpose, of rescuing the Koreans from the debasing influences of the Chinese who were accused of promoting misgovernment and crime of every description, and of maintaining, for their own purposes, the Korean Court and people in a state of ignorance and poverty. The Mikado declared publicly that it was the duty of the Japanese people to liberate the Koreans from their thralldom to China, to make them free and independent, and to introduce among them all the arts of civilization by the cultivation of which Japan herself had grown wealthy and great. The Japanese were successful in their warfare against China. They drove the Chinese from Korea and by the Treaty of Shimonoseki secured their exclusion from all power and influence there for ever. But, alas! they had reckoned without taking count of Russia or of Russian ambitions, and they now find themselves driven from the Peninsula and deprived of all authority and power there, while Russia assumes openly and formally the protectorate of the King and of the Kingdom, and Japan is forced by circumstances to notify that she has adopted a policy of non-interference. No wonder the people of Japan are angry with their Government and hostile to a ministry which certainly failed to foresee, before entering upon the war, the possible effect of any interference with the status quo, and to anticipate and provide against interference from abroad. No Government could have foreseen the joint intervention of France, Germany and Russia in support of interests and objects purely Russian, but the Japanese Ministers ought to have had sufficient knowledge of their great neighbor, and of her hereditary plans of aggression and extension, to be sure that Russia would not with equanimity see a strong and active power like Japan in possession of Korea and of Manchuria without a struggle to prevent it. Japan in the Liaotung peninsula and with paramount authority in Korea would be if not an absolute barrier to any further Muscovite advance south certainly an obstacle that it would take many years and a vast expenditure of men and money to remove. Japan should have been prepared for this, either with alliances or with adequate forces. As it is she has apparently only precipitated the inevitable contest between herself and Russia for the possession and control of the Pacific. The Japanese, always hated and detested by the great majority of the Koreans, have betrayed themselves, by their participation in the murder of the Queen, so obnoxious that we doubt if, even Russia apart, they could have successfully maintained control in Seoul against Chinese intrigue and Korean conspiracy. As it is, Russia is in actual possession; the Japanese are ousted; their adherents dead or condemned to death, and a powerful Russian fleet and a large army are interposed between them and the great object of their ambition. The Japanese may make up their minds to fight now. The force of public opinion may precipitate the Government into adopting a line of conduct it does not by any means approve of, but if she does not fight, and fight hard, she may as well surrender all hope of ever being a continental power, whether for good or evil. Russia means to stay in Korea and certainly even Russian government will be preferable for the unhappy Koreans than the poverty, misery, anarchy, and vile barbarity of the past.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We note that there were 133 cases of plague in Hongkong between the 1st January and the 21st February. On the 21st there was one case; on the 22nd, two cases; on the 23rd nine cases; yesterday, 7 cases. This is the official report, and so far as is known to the authorities. We are further informed that six European constables and six Chinese, under Dr. CLARK, are employed in districts Nos. 5, 6 and 7, in a regular house-to-house visitation. As to the cases referred to in our notes of yesterday, we are told that it was not until 7 p.m. on the 21st that the death at 7 a.m. in Staunton Street was reported to the Police; that Dr. CLARK's certificate of death from plague was received by the Police at noon of the 22nd, and that the body was removed by 12.30. We have heard nothing as to the removal of the people from the house, so presume that our original information on that point stands in no need of correction. As to the cases said to have occurred in Wanchai and in Mosque Street, the Police have had no reports and therefore no knowledge.

We again take leave to point out that there does not appear to be sufficient promptness in the action of the Sanitary Authorities. The case in Staunton Street was a clear case of plague. The report was received by the Police at 7 p.m. Why the delay till the afternoon of the next day in removing the body, and until the 23rd in removing the inhabitants of the house and disinfecting it? We cannot understand how the Police, with ordinary diligence and intelligence, can be ignorant of the fact of a death having occurred in any house in the city of Victoria. The *Kaifong* knows everything that goes on in a district, and the Chinese constables on duty and the District Watchmen know too. Have instructions been given to the Police and to the District Watchmen to report every death without delay, and even every case of serious illness that comes to their knowledge?

There have been two cases of plague to-day up to 4 o'clock p.m. We strongly advise the Government to resume the publication of cases and deaths daily, and to indicate in each report the districts in which they occur.

THE SUEZ CANAL CLEAR. The *Kanah* has been floated and the Canal is clear.

SPORT.

Oxford has beaten Cambridge at Football (under Association rules).

THE WAR IN ABYSSINIA.

Italy is sending ten fresh battalions to Abyssinia.

THE TRANSVAAL INCIDENT.

Two hundred and fifty of Dr. Jameson's men have arrived at Plymouth, and were loudly cheered.

It is stated from several sources that the Boers' loss at the battle of Krugersdorp was two hundred and eighty.

Dr. Jameson and his Officers have arrived at Devonport.

(From Japanese Papers.)

FIRE AT THE KYOTO SILK-SPINNING MILL.

Kyoto, February 15th.

A fire broke out in the engine-room of the Silk-spinning Mill here this morning, and damage to an estimated extent of 30,000 yen was done. Several persons were injured.

THE CORONATION OF THE TSAR.

Tokyo, February 16th.

It is stated that information has been received by the Russian Legation of the postponement of the coronation of the Tsar till May 26th. It will take place at Moscow.

THE NIPPON BANK DIVIDEND.

Tokyo, February 15th.

At the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Nippon Bank to-day, the Directors reported a net profit of yen 1,436,722.65, and a dividend of 15 per cent. was declared.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

REPORTS FROM TIENTSIN, says the *China Gazette*.

agree that the Pehlo river will be open very soon, and it is arranged that the first batch of steamers will leave Shanghai about the 3rd of March.

It was rumored in town to-day that Mr. C. F. Smith, the pulsating, courteous and deservedly popular Assistant Manager of the Hongkong Hotel, has given the B and D Directors of the Hotel a month's notice.

MR. HAYASHI, Japanese Minister to Peking, is reported to have tendered a representation to the Tokio Government in connection with Japan's policy towards China, regarding which his view differs from the Government's.

An excellent programme has been arranged for a concert in the Club Lustrano this evening. Signora Bellinante being the prima donna, while Miss Carvallo, Signora Eckhardt, Kraal and Dancenberg will very materially assist.

MR. ARAKAWA, Japanese Consul at Tientsin, who was Governor at Kichow during the war, has been appointed Consul at Soochow and Hangchow, and is, according to the *China Gazette*, expected to arrive in Shanghai about the end of March.

MR. N. P. BROWN, of the well known firm of Brown and Bros, 6 Pall Mall, London, S.W., has arrived here, his address being No. 134 Hongkong Hotel. Mr. Brown has brought with him samples of the productions of first-class English firms, some of them novelties specially suited for the Far East.

WHO is responsible for this delay? A post-mortem examination was held at 2 p.m. to-day on the body of the man found dead near Wanchai Gap night before last. That means a body, already four days' exposed, lay in the Mortuary from say 10 a.m. yesterday until after noon to-day before one of the many Government surgeons could spare time to examine it. Is this right?

A more significant item of news has reached the *China Gazette* from the North. It is to the effect that the Russian Government has induced the Chinese to adopt the Russian gauge, some 4 ft. 11 in., for the railways now under construction in the North. It will thus be very much easier, in the future, for the Russians to run their trains right through China, should occasion require.

THE *China Gazette* understands that Mr. Spiller, the newly appointed Russian Minister to Korea, will proceed to Tokio, where he will sit at *Chargé* during the absence of Mr. Hirono in Russia. It is also quite on the cards that recent events in the Far East may necessitate the postponement of Count Cassini's departure for Russia, as there is no man available to replace him. Mr. Wambler will again become Russian *Chargé* in Korea *pro tem*.

THE Music Concert Company, consisting of M. Ovide Musin, the famous violinist, Madame Annie Louise Musin, the *prima donna*, and Herr Eduard Scharf, pianist, who have created a furore wherever they have been, will open here for a short season in the Theatre Royal on Saturday. *Vide advt.*

WE hear that the flourishing Sabah Steamship Co., whose head office is in Sandakan and which has paid several large dividends since it started business a few years ago, have sent over their Sandakan manager, Mr. L. L. Darby, to arrange for the construction of another coasting steamer of much larger dimensions than heretofore for their ever-increasing trade.

In response to an inquiry addressed to the Director of the Observatory, we have been informed that during January, 17.73 inch of rain fell in Hongkong, and to date this month 7.02 inches, making a total of 8.75 for the year. According to the tables made in 1894 this means that 64 millions of gallons have been added to Tiam, not counting the additional water caught by the new catch-water system, which so materially increases the collecting area, and the amount collected in Pokfulam. Surely the supply of water must now be sufficient to permit of an additional amount being issued to the residents. With the absolute necessity that a present crisis in the Colony for cleanliness, this spring at least, the D. P. W. cannot too soon turn on as much as possible.

THIS morning a man from Canton, who was paying money into the Treasury for his master, presented a forged Chartered Bank note which had been altered from \$10 to \$50 value. This was evidently the 'handiwork' of the man who was lately sentenced to ten years' imprisonment at the Criminal Sessions. As the presenter was evidently innocent of intent to defraud, he was not prosecuted. In connection with this occurrence, the following from the *Singapore Free Press* of the 17th shows that industry of this kind is not confined to this Colony.—On the 11th inst. a Malay was sentenced by the Assize Court, Penang, to two years' rigorous imprisonment, for passing a forged bank note of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. The note was a \$1 note which had been altered by erasing the figure 5 and substituting 25.

MR. Hough this afternoon offered some sixty ponies for sale in front of the City Hall, including many of the winners in the late race meeting. Very good prices were obtained all round, and several ponies being bought for polo, and the gymkhanas committees bidding freely for likely mokes to run during the summer.

Ambulious, who won the Ladies Purse, was bought in by his owner at \$600, this being the highest price offered. Other winners Bantam fetched \$150, Amalisco \$35, Nigler, winner of the \$100, Speedwell \$120, Emerald \$125, Valiant II \$165, Valiant \$150, and Vagabond \$150.

Mr. Taylor's four Derby geldings ranged from \$100 to \$180, Canary brought \$165 and Bluebell \$200. Some of the mokes, on the other hand, went as low as \$20, while Echo, belonging to the same stable as Standard, which the auctioneer explained was not trained for fear he might

It is reported that Sir Claude Macdonald, K.C.M.G., the new British Minister in China, who is at present on leave in London, intends to start for the Far East early in the spring.

A STRANGE discovery was made on board the C.N. Co's steamer *Wampoa* in Shanghai, on the 10th. Some five or six months ago, in the course of a voyage from Australia, a package containing 5500 in gold was delivered by the captain to the second officer and by him safely locked up in the treasure room. Shortly after the lock was found to have been forced and the package stolen. A strict search was at once made but with no result. Nothing had been heard either of money or thief until that date, when, says the *Daily News*, on Messrs. Boyd and Co's workmen removing a portion of the flooring of the gallery, over two hundred sovereigns were found. All the members of the crew who could be found were handed over to the police, but several had made themselves scarce in the meantime. A further large sum is said to have been traced and there are hopes of the greater part of the money being recovered.

A TELEGRAM received on the 17th from Peking, from the *Daily News* native correspondent, announces that on Chinese New Year Day while granting audience to his Ministers, the Emperor referred to the closing of the Reform Club as something treasonable to the dynasty, whereupon several of the Manchus and Chinese Board Presidents spoke in eulogistic terms of the Club and warmly defended the reform movement against the denunciations of the Censor Chang. The defenders even went the length of being prepared to stand guarantors of the association, remarking, by the way, that the late war had fully demonstrated the necessity of spreading the knowledge of Western sciences throughout the empire, without which China would certainly be made the subject of foreign aggression. His Majesty seemed to be impressed with what he heard, and appeared to regret having listened too hastily to the aspirations of interested partisans. There are therefore hopes of the speedy resurrection of the Reform Club, but under another name, in Peking.

CHOLERA has, according to the *Strait Times* of the 17th instant, again broken out in Sumatra, this time among Chinese coolies from Swatow. When they left that port there was no cholera in that quarter, and nothing suspicious happened on the passage. It is supposed they carried about with them the germs of the disease, which are sprung into activity on the land in Deli, when they all at once partook largely of ice, fruit, and so-called delicacies in quantities. Orders have been issued by the authorities there that immigrant ships from China, on arrival in Deli, must keep aloof from fruit sampans. The passengers will be taken straight from the vessels to the railway station at the landing place, to prevent them from eating harmful food and from cooling their throats with icy water. The district at that place, Balawan, and then spread to the estates where, out of thirty-eight cases, eighteen proved fatal from the 1st to the 3rd instant. From the 5th to the 7th instant, out of twelve cases, four died fatally. At Belawan, fifty-one coolies died of cholera from the 5th to the 8th instant.

THE CRISIS IN KOREA.

NAAGAKI, February 19th.
The *Nagasaki Express* of the 19th instant contains the following interesting letter from its Chempo correspondent, who wrote under date 14th February:—

A very clever coup d'état has just occurred here. The *Admiral Komodo's* guard of about 100 men left Chempo on Tuesday, 10th, for Seoul. The same evening the King asked for protection of the Russian Minister, and to be permitted to stay at the Legation. He did not ask to be protected against the so-called rebels, who were outside the gates of Seoul, and who had defeated all the troops sent against them. He asked for protection against the oppression of the Japanese, and the officials whom they had installed as their agents, and who were in reality bigger rebels than those advancing on Seoul, who are his subjects, merely asking redress for the murder of the Queen (if she is really dead). The whole affair was managed so nicely that the clever Japanese and their tools did not know anything of it until the next day, when they found that the telegraph between Seoul and Fusan had been cut by the insurgents, and it was only by sending a transport to Fusan that the news could be taken in Japan. This news must have arrived yesterday (the 19th).

The King, as soon as he found himself safe, at once issued orders for the arrest of the Korean officials who constituted the Cabinet, and who had really been appointed by the Japanese. Many arrests were at once made, but two of them, Chun Poo Yow and Kim-Hong Vip, the last the Prime Minister, were mobbed by the people and their brains dashed out. Cho, the Minister of War, and the worst of the whole lot, nearly suffered the same fate, but was rescued by a party of Japanese soldiers, as the affair took place just in front of their barracks. He is now in the Japanese Legation, and it is sure, however, that his delivery will be demanded if he has not been already done.

The people in Seoul were on the point of rising against the Japanese, the night of the 17th having been fixed as the time for it; but the Russian Minister at once advised the King to issue orders to his people to keep quiet. This was done, and the whole thing took place as if by magic. The Japanese order prevailing, only one Japanese getting killed in the streets. The King's order was sent to the people outside the city, it informed them that he was safe under the Russian protection, and would, in due time, move out. They were to go about their business, just as if nothing had happened. This, as far as is known, was thoroughly obeyed. An Edict was also issued, permitting this people to wear their hats as before, and to dress as they liked provided their clothes were decent.

In a conference with the Foreign Ministers, held with closed doors, on the night of the 17th the King informed them that since October 14th he was never allowed to see his own seal. Since that date he had not even seen it, and of orders issued since then he knew absolutely nothing about.

May add here that Russia will see that the King will rule his country just as he likes, and that if he should be a Russian adviser will be in the right direction. It is about time that this should have taken place. It should have been done in the winter of 1894-5, but matters were hardly ripe at that time, and the King's adviser then was unwise. But better late than never, and we may now look forward with confidence to prosperity in Korea.

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NORTH BORNEO COFFEE.

Samples of North Borneo coffee have been tried here and in the Straits from time to time during the past six months, and it has been pronounced to be very full flavoured and mellow and equal to the best Mocha. There has arisen quite a demand for it, and by the *Contour*, which arrived from Sandakan yesterday, a fifty large parcel of the fragrant berries, some fifty piculs in all, was received here. This coffee was, we are reliably informed, grown on the Segalid River, which flows into Sandakan Bay, the trees there having been planted in the year 1888. Coffee has now been under trial for some years in various parts of North Borneo, chiefly in the Sandakan district, although a good deal is in bearing in and around Kudat, and in every district with varying success.

The following are the exact figures of production from two estates now coming into prominence:—

	Byts.	Kabin.	Total.
July.....	Pcls. 23.58	Pcls. 4.26	Pcls. 27.84
August.....	33.36	4.58	37.94
September.....	44.73	6.52	51.25
October.....	55.62	11.35	66.97
November.....	65.62	15.67	81.29
December.....	108.35	18.95	127.30
Pcls. 358.54	Pcls. 62.33	Pcls. 420.87	

On the Byts Estate there are about 170 acres under coffee, and the plants averaged three years old in November last. The Kabin Estate has an area of about 80 acres under coffee, the trees being about six months younger than the Byts, and thus showing that coffee gives a return in Borneo at a much younger age than is generally supposed. The best coffee district in the country is the land to the west of Sandakan Bay, where there is an area of not less than 500,000 and probably over 1,000,000 acres of fine coffee land, Government property, the price of which is \$3 per acre under a 999 years' lease, and no quit rent. As to the cost of planting it, contracts have been made lately to turn high forest land into regular coffee plantations at \$40 per acre, after which little remains to be done but to wait for the ground properly weeded, and to wait for the crop, which begins to come in shortly after the trees are two years old.

With regard to labour it must be understood that coffee planting stands upon quite a different footing to the tobacco-growing business, which is so unhealthily, and for which heavy premiums have to be paid to attract labour. Coffee planting is a very healthy occupation, and if undertaken in a district not too far away from a port, labour can be procured easily for its rearing. The cooler climate of the high mountains, readily accepted as reasonable wages, show no inclination to run away as is the case with their co-workers on tobacco plantations.

Borneo coffee costs, on the average, about \$15 per picul to lay down in Sandakan, where it is readily sold, nowadays, at prices varying from \$35 to \$40 per picul for clean coffee.

Referring to coffee cultivation in Borneo in 1895 the *North Borneo Herald* says:—
Coffee has been started in one or two localities, for instance, at the seven-mile station on the Sandakan, on the Beaufort Road, where a Chinaman has planted a few rows, while most of the existing estates have been enlarged. The following is the monthly crop of coffee, in picul, since June last from the Byts Estate, which is estimated to be about 170 acres, and the average age about 2 years 10 months in July, to 3 years 3 months in December.

	July.....	Oct-ber.....	Nov-ber.....	Dec-ber.....
Pcls. 23.58	33.36	44.73	55.62	65.62

The monthly advance shown by these figures cannot be considered as otherwise than very satisfactory. The crop is delivered in Sandakan on about the 10th of each month where it is at once sold, and the money sent up to the estates in time to pay the wages on the spot. Byts Estate has been sold in Singapore at \$47.75 per picul for the whole parcel, the outside quotation then being \$43; and the better lines of a shipment from Taratapa fetched 89s. per cwt. on the London market.

The end of the year sees coffee coming in from Byts, Kabin, Loong Pisow, Segalid, Weston Jarvis, Sebaga, Taratapa and Kudat; the price in Singapore is \$45.50 per picul—higher than the money sent up to the estates in time to pay the wages on the spot. Byts Estate has been sold in Singapore at \$47.75 per picul for the whole parcel, the outside quotation then being \$43; and the better lines of a shipment from Taratapa fetched 89s. per cwt. on the London market.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The tenth ordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the above named Company was held at the office of the General Managers, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, at 11 o'clock this morning. Mr. J. D. Humphreys presided, and there were also present Messrs. H. D. Humphreys, J. R. Michael, G. H. Potts, Captain Clement, A. W. Mansell, A. P. Nobbs, E. S. Kelly and Hart Buck (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report is a pretty full one, and I do not think there is any necessity for me to say very much. The Company is getting along satisfactorily. We have developed all our land except in Kowloon. We have entirely built over the Richmond Estate with a very superior class of houses. It might have been possible to build a class that would have paid better—a lower class of houses—but still I do not think it would have been advisable to build a class of houses that locality, and I do think we have done the right thing in building a class of houses that suits the neighbourhood and which are undoubtedly an ornament to the Colony, and any one who takes the trouble to go and look at our Richmond Estate at the present day from any point of view will agree with me in saying that no finer property exists in the Colony or, as far as I know, anywhere else. (Great cheer.) The houses are of a superior class and every attention has been given to the sanitary arrangements of the houses, and they are a point of fact houses in the building of which both judgment and knowledge has been used, and I think you will agree with me in thinking that the result has been one of the most charming estates in the Colony. Our Kowloon Estate is a very different thing. This is a residential and other class of land. It is land that is all low lying, which will become, I think will surely become, in course of time, very valuable. In the event of the building of a new railway line, it is certain to increase in value. It is rural land and it is in the Kowloon estate that I look forward with confidence to see our returns show an increased dividend—a full dividend on the capital of the Company, and at the same time an increase in the value of the property we have there. If you walk over our property there you will find it is a very fine piece of land, and it will find by the time you have done you have had some walking for one day. I do think that with the opening up of China—which is going to come very soon—and the construction of the railway to Canton, we have in the estate at Kowloon, quite as much valuable land as in the city. I do not

say this will be to-morrow or next day, but I think when it does come that will be the position of it. These we are in contact with the mainland, and when China begins to open and the advance of the railway to Canton begins, you will find that the low-lying land in Kowloon, over opposite the city of Victoria, will become very valuable indeed. I would not like to say how valuable, but as valuable as land at West Point at the very least. I shall be pleased to answer any questions any shareholders may like to put to me.

The Chairman (after a pause):—As there are no questions, gentlemen, I beg to propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be accepted.

Seconded by Captain Clement and carried.

The Chairman:—I beg to propose that Mr. Fullerton Henderson be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

Mr. Potts seconded, and it was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman:—That concludes the business. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the head office, at 3 p.m. to-day. Mr. G. B. Dodwell presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. Kramer, St. C. Michaelson, J. R. Lewis, N. A. Selby, J. S. van Buren, Hon. J. B. Bell-Irving (Director), R. Cooke (Acting General Manager), T. Arnold, F. de Bova, B. Byrnes, L. L. Richardson, H. Crawford, L. K. Davis, H. M. S. H. Emmel, F. Henderson, J. D. Humphreys, P. Jordan, E. J. Hughes, H. N. Mody, R. Mitchell, C. A. Tomes, V. Parfitt, G. Stewart, A. G. Stokes, J. Y. V. Vernon, W. H. Wickham, A. B. Becker and T. L. Rose (Acting Secretary).

The notice calling the meeting having been read.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts having been in your hands for some days past I will, with your permission, take them as read. At our last meeting I was able to congratulate you on the accounts then before you showing a record half year. It affords me much pleasure, gentlemen, to preside again at a time when our accounts show still better results than we have ever yet been able to place before you. The last half-year has indeed been a very busy one for all connected with the Company; it has been a case of almost night and day work for our staff, and for our machinery, and our resources have at times been strained to their utmost. The alterations and extensions and improvements of our docks and plant, which have been continuously going on for years past, have enabled us to bring about these good results; it is only by a continuation of this policy of keeping our establishments well abreast of the time that we can hope to give satisfaction to our many customers. During the period our accounts cover companies similar to ours at the northern end of the island have been quite unable to cope with all the work offered, and in consequence of this a great many years have been lost to Hongkong for docking and repairs, and the excellent results we are able to place before you to-day may, in a large measure, be attributed to this cause. If you will turn to your reports, gentlemen, you will find that we have available for appropriation the large sum of.....\$83,974.30.

We recommend that a Dividend of.....\$125,000 and a Bonus of 4 per cent, which will absorb.....62,500

July.....	Pcls. 23.58	Oct-ber.....	Pcls. 65.02
August.....	33.36	Nov-ber.....	44.73
September.....	44.73	Dec-ber.....	55.62

In all.....\$187,500 he paid to the shareholders; that a Bonus of.....\$20,000 be distributed pro rata to contributing shareholders; that a Bonus of.....\$22,000 be paid to the Foreign staff of the Company, and that.....\$200,000 be passed to the reserve fund.

leaving us with a balance of.....\$44,474.30, which we propose to carry to the new account. I hope, gentlemen, that later on in this meeting our recommendations will have your approval. You will notice from the accounts that "Sundry Creditors" has been reduced by nearly \$30,000. Since the 31st December I am glad to say that the whole of our loans, with the exception of the Admiralty Loan, have been paid off. (Applause.) The cost of interest on our loans has been reduced by some \$70,000. This item has had much consideration from the Acting Manager and the Board, and, as explained to you at our last meeting, we find it absolutely necessary, in order to prevent delay which would cause dissatisfaction to our various customers, to carry a large stock of the materials most likely to be needed. In addition to this I would mention we have a considerable amount of new work in hand, and that it is the cost of the material required for this new work that has brought about the increase in this item. Our interest on our loans has been reduced by some \$6,000, and we hope that in the future very little will be required under this heading. At our last meeting, in reply to a shareholder, I said that we believed we had written down our property to what we considered to be a safe value; this past half year we have made additions to our property, costing us some \$61,000, and we have not advised that any portion of this should be written off. We have done so steadily, and we have the tools which we require, and which we find so necessary for the satisfactory working of our business, some of these are already set up and in working order, and others will be here shortly. As I said before, gentlemen, the policy of the Directors is to maintain the establishments in a thorough state of efficiency and fit to undertake all the work that is likely to come to us. The new quarters for our staff at Kowloon are in course of erection, and we hope will be ready for occupation in another six months or so. The Dock at Kowloon has been lengthened from 330 feet to 371 feet. At Cosmopolitan Dock a new machine shop has been built and a new overhead travelling crane has been erected. Both of these were much needed. Our policy of keeping the Aberdeen Docks open and in working order has again been rewarded; our profits from this establishment have been very satisfactory, and we have been able to accept work which would otherwise have had to go unperformed. At our last meeting I promised that the Directors would take into consideration the suggestion to subdivide our shares. As opinions on this subject varied considerably it was decided to give a circular asking the shareholders, with the view of 20 shareholders, representing 7,320 shares, were against the subdivision, whilst only 20 shareholders, representing 1,280 shares, were in favour of it. The Directors have therefore deemed it undesirable to proceed any further in this matter. (Applause.) With regard to the construction of another large Dock, I may say that your Board have made a proposal to Her Majesty's Government, but that no reply has yet been received. The negotiations are therefore only at their preliminary stage, and your Directors deem it the wisest course to refrain from making public particulars. You may, however, rest assured that when any desirable arrangement can be made you will at once be taken into full

confidence. (Applause.) Amongst our recommendations is one for a Bonus of \$25,000 to be paid to the foreign staff of the Company. We are glad to be able to give practical illustration of our appreciation of the work that has been done by the staff; there have been heavy claims upon them, and their services have been willingly and cheerfully given. We are asking you to sanction our placing \$25,000 to Reserve Fund, our reason for this step may be briefly stated. We believe that the past 12 months' business has been of an exceptional character, and that we cannot look forward to any prolonged continuation of such. Our object therefore is to provide during our good times against any insolvency which we are likely to experience in the future, and, with such a fund at our back, we hope to be able to maintain a steady dividend for our shareholders. (Applause.) We are also desirous in mind that it may at any time to very great advantage in hand to enable us to take advantage of opportunities for extension or development which we may consider desirable. Before proposing the adoption and passing of the accounts, I shall be happy to answer to the best of my ability any questions that you may desire to ask. Mr. Humphreys:—I think, Mr. Chairman, no question need be asked. I rather—

The Chairman:—I believe, Mr. Humphreys, you are not on our list as a shareholder.

Mr. Humphreys:—What? I am not a shareholder. I am on the list of the great shareholders.

The Chairman:—You are on our list. We are very glad to see you here, however.

Mr. Humphreys:—Very well. I did not intend to add to your difficulties in any manner, but only to point out the successful result of the past half-year working, and make a suggestion.

The Chairman:—I must call you to order. You are not a shareholder.

Mr. Humphreys debated this point further, and again attempted to make a suggestion, but finally obeyed the Chairman's request to "sit down," saying as he did so "I see you will not let me reach my point." (Laughter.)

The Chairman (after a further pause):—As there are apparently no questions, I beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented be accepted.

Mr. Richardson:—I have much pleasure in seconding that motion, and at the same time I should like to congratulate the Directors and Staff on the very efficient way in which they have worked for us, as is evidenced by the magnificent report that has been presented to us.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Stokes:—Gentlemen, there is a matter I should like to bring to your notice at once, and which I hope you will concur with me in, and that is the remuneration of the Directors. As far as I can ascertain we have not increased their fees since 1865. Considering the extent of the work they do and the volume of the business passing through our hands we should raise the remuneration we pay them. Other Companies have increased the payment made to their Directors, for which there are two or three reasons. The first is the great fall in the value of the shares, and the consequent smaller value of the ordinary shares. I think no shareholder can be of two opinions that our Directors have worked very hard for us lately, and I know that even now they have a great deal on hand. I do not think we have paid them any too much. Therefore I have very great pleasure in proposing:—

That the fees of the Directors be increased from \$1,000 each, per annum, and the sum of \$5,000 be hereby added to the list of the fees to be paid to the Directors, and that the Directors be hereby requested to take steps for the purpose of the resolution to put into effect the first part of the resolution.

Mr. Mody:—I beg to second that resolution. The Directors are fully deserving of an increase. They have shown an excellent report for the past half year, and you know the saying "The labourer is worthy of his hire," and that we must take into consideration. (Applause.)

The Chairman:—Before putting that, I should like to remind the few who said I am now speaking for myself, and not for my fellow shareholders, that there has been an exceptional amount of work done by the Directors, and for this reason I am glad Messrs. Stokes and Mody have brought it forward.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—On behalf of my fellow Directors and myself I thank you for your liberal treatment, and I hope we shall be able to go on in the future as to show a justification for this. (Applause.)

Mr. Becker:—I beg to propose that the appointment of Hon. Bell-Irving in place of Mr. Kerwick be confirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Hughes and carried.

Mr. Arnold:—I have much pleasure in proposing the re-election of the retiring Directors, Messrs. Michaelson and Lewis.

Mr. Vernon:—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

Mr. Parfitt:—I propose the re-election of Messrs. Arnold and Bird as auditors.

Seconded by Mr. Mitchell and carried.

The Chairman:—That concludes the business, gentlemen, and I am much obliged to you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow. I am happy to state that the work for the past month has been plenty; and we have a nice lot of work in hand. (Applause.) The next report will be nearly as good as this one.

This concluded the business.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

BERLIN, February 4th.
The Emperor William has issued a royal edict thanking the Germans throughout the world for their greetings on the occasion of his birthday, and expressing his gratification at their increasing readiness to co-operate with his efforts to promote their welfare.

LONDON, February 4th.
The *Times*, in a telegram from its Berlin correspondent, states that the Emperor William's action regarding the Transvaal was decided, and a resolution passed urging the immediate adoption of the title in use by the Imperial force.

RAMOON, February 5th.
Mr. Peters, Assistant Superintendent of Police, and Mr. Mumford, Inspector of Police, to-day prosecuted the Editor of the *Rangoon Times* for libel in publishing a letter suggesting "they had accepted bribes to screen persons guilty of opium-smuggling." The case occupied the whole day. Evidence was given by the accused, the plaintiff, and the District Magistrate sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 1,000. The defendant pleaded he was not actuated by malice, but that the writer of the letter, Mr. Peters, a local advocate, asserted him the allegations could be proved, and that he acted bona fide, and with a fair desire to aid justice.

LONDON, February 5th.
The death is announced, at Kew Gardens, of Major General Sir John Duff, of the 60th Rifles, who died at the age of 72.

PRATON, Feb. 10th, and Dublin, Jan. 20th.
"I have visited," says the *Times* Correspondent, "Dr. Jameson in jail. Dr. Jameson, Colonel Grey, Sir John Willoughby, Major the Hon. H. F. White, Captain the Hon. R. White, and Major Stacey were together in the courtyard lying on mattresses and drinking tea. They were all in excellent health, and said that they had been well looked after by the authorities. Dr. Jameson said he thought that the letter, a certified copy of which was captured by the Boers, justified his action, and that the clause guaranteeing all expenses absorbed him from responsibility to the shareholders of the Chartered Company. Referring to the last fight the officers denied that they had been shipwrecked by the Boers into a difficult position at Vlakfontein. Their guide had assured them that it was the only road to Johannesburg, except one involving a descent of 12,000 feet, and they had followed the guide."

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LONDON, February 7th.
Mr. Cecil Rhodes was closeted for two hours with Mr. Chamberlain yesterday afternoon.

Renter learns that Mr. Chamberlain has sent Sir Hercules Robinson a long despatch for President Kruger, dealing with the grievances of the Britishers, which, it is expected, will shortly be published.

Lord Selborne, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, was present throughout the interview yesterday between Mr. Cecil Rhodes and Mr. Chamberlain. The *Times* believes in the statement made by Mr. Rhodes to Mr. Chamberlain was very full, and was accepted by Mr. Chamberlain as complete. It is believed that it cleared the ground regarding the future of the Chartered British South Africa Company.

The trial of the Reform Committee has begun at Pretoria. The evidence dealt with the taking possession of Johannesburg by the Committee on December 30th and the issue of arms and ammunition, and showed the existence of a special fund of £70,000 which the Committee expended.

THE MAHOMMEDAN REBELLION.
According to an Imperial edict of the 17th instant, wired to Shanghai, Tientsin, Fushan, Generalissimo of the Imperial forces in Runan, reports successes against the Tungant rebels in that province, and apparently this rebellion is now on its last legs. It will be remembered, says the *North China Daily News* of 21st instant, that in November and December last this General succeeded in raising the siege of Hsichow and Haining, after a number of fiercely contested battles before the walls of the former city. Here he also succeeded in killing some of the chiefs, and this really broke a rebellion which at one time was serious enough to freshen the possible installation of a large and powerful Mohammedan kingdom in the

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ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1896. [19]

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General Agents for China & Japan, LAUTS, WEGENER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [19]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship
"DIOMED"
Captain Bartlett, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 5th March.
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Hongkong, 19th February, 1896. [19]

"SHELL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
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ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [19]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, FOR SANKAN AND KUDAT.
THE Steamship
"CENTAUR"
Captain Williams, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 5th March.
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Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [19]

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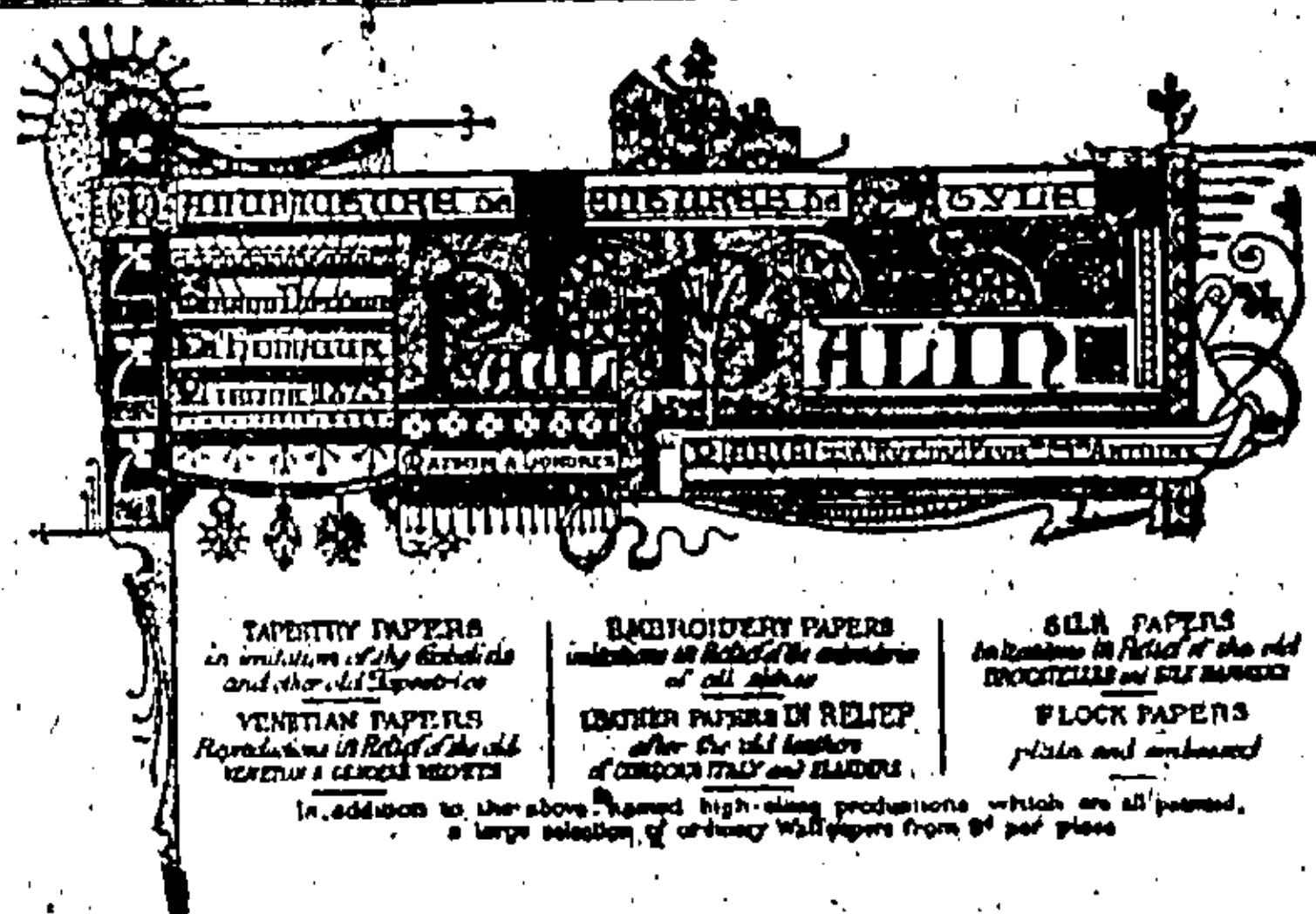
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Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [20]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI AND CHEFOO.
THE Steamship
"KWEILIN"
Captain Harris, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [20]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).
THE Steamship
"NANCHANG"
Captain Phylips, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1896. [20]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
FOR BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.
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THE Company's Steamship
"HIROSHIMA MARU"
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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1896. [20]

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).
THE Steamship
"CHING PING"
Captain Blake, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 2nd March.
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CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [20]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR TIENTSIN.
THE Steamship
"KWEIYANG"
Captain Dawson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 3rd March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [20]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"GLENFRUIN"
Captain Duff, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 3rd March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHISON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1896. [20]

THE Steamship
"CERASTES"
A. Peters, Master, will leave as above on or about the 2nd March, 1896.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1896. [20]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
THE Steamship
"TSINAN"
Captain Ramsey, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 26th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [20]

JAVA, CHINA, JAPAN LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR JAVA, VIA AMOI, SWATOW AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"FEDERATION"
Captain Prentice, will be despatched from Hongkong for above destinations on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LAUTS, WEGENER & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1896. [20]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"PORT ADELAIDE"
Captain Morgan, will be despatched for the Port on or about the 28th instant, followed by the
S.S. "CHAZEE"
on or about 15th March.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1896. [20]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)
THE Steamship
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Captain Kock, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 29th instant, at 2 P.M.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions throughout the voyage.
A Stewardess and a fully qualified Surgeon are carried.
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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1896. [20]

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 100 A. L. British Ship
"BRODICK CASTLE"
Ferguson, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1895. [20]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
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"QUEEN ELIZABETH"
Epton, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.
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SHEWAN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1896. [20]

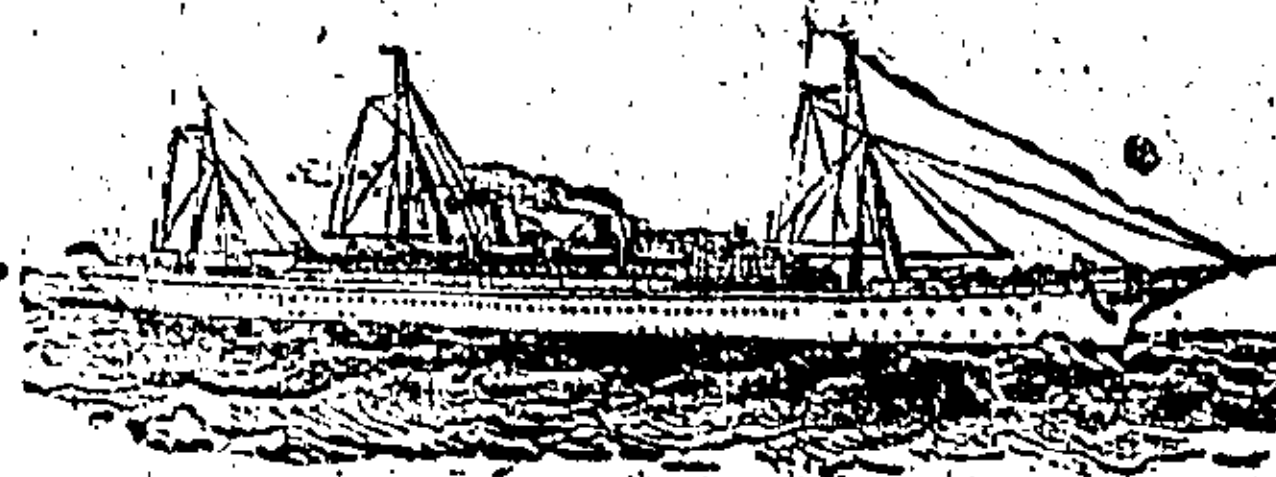
FOR NEW YORK.
THE 100 A. L. German Ship
"CERASTES"
A. Peters, Master, will leave as above on or about the 2nd March, 1896.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1896. [20]

THE 100 A. L. German Ship
"CERASTES"
A. Peters, Master, will leave as above on or about the 2nd March, 1896.
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CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN...Comdr. G. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 18th March.
EMPEROR OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 8th April.
EMPEROR OF INDIA...Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 29th April.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, making close connection at Vancouver with the PACIFIC COAST STEAMSHIP LINE, and the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY leaving there daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pulley's Street. [15]

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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE;
VIA
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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Coptic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama) Tuesday, 3rd March, at Noon.
Galle (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama) Saturday, 21st March, at Noon, 1896.
Belgic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama) Wednesday, 8th April, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship
"COPTIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 3rd March, 1896, at Noon. Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.
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All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.
Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 7, PRINCE CENTRAL.
J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1896. [21]

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THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

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AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prinz Heinrich Tuesday 3rd March.
Prinzess Tuesday 31st March.
Sachsen Tuesday 28th April.
Karlsruhe Tuesday 26th May.
Prinz Heinrich Tuesday 23rd June.

ON TUESDAY, the 3rd day of March 1896, at 10 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain W. Schindler, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 29th Feb. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 2nd March, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 2nd March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be issued for less than 25 lbs. and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board. For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1896. [22]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)
Hankow 3594 Tuesday Mar. 10.
Tacoma 2549 Tuesday April 7.
Victoria 3167 Tuesday May 5.

THE Steamship
"HANKOW"
Captain W. S. Orr, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 10th March, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, WASH., via SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and United States Ports.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.
Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., General Agents.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1896. [22]

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Hongkong, 10th February, 1896. [22]

Prinz Heinrich, and Karlsruhe, by CHEMNER DUNCAN & Co., 10, Princes Street, to be delivered on 1st March, 1896.